



## TOWN OF ASHBURNHAM

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### TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

**July 13, 2015**

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#### **TOWN COMMITTEES**

Currently there are openings on the following (1) Conservation Commission, (1) Council on Aging Board, (2) Historical Commission. These are listed on the Town's website under Volunteer Opportunities.

#### **ROADS**

Steve Nims and I met with the MA DOT about the intersection at Williams and Corey Hill Roads. Due to the timing of the grant it has been decided that a four way stop would be the best solution. The state will be working on a final design and public information sessions will be held.

#### **CONTRACTS**

I will ask for the Board's vote to sign the DPW union contract for FY16- FY18.

#### **DPW**

Request that the Board consider setting up a Building Committee for the DPW facility. I would recommend the makeup to consist of 1 member each from BOS, Advisory, Capital Planning, DPW, and 3 members at large.

#### **FIRE**

The Fire Department is requesting that the Board accepts a gift of a drone which is valued at about \$2,000. This device would be used specifically in rescue search type situations that regularly occur on Mount Watatic. It could potentially save many man-hours and ultimately shorten the duration of rescue operations.

I am also requesting that the Board approve the transfer of a police vehicle to the fire chief. In our FY16 budget we have a police cruiser up for replacement and in FY17 budget a new vehicle for the fire chief. My proposal is to trade in the fire chief's car towards the new cruiser and setup the old cruiser for the fire chief. The old cruiser is an SUV that currently has 75K+ miles and would have been replaced in the spring. The fire chief's car has 150K+ miles and is falling in disrepair and may not make FY17 without extensive work. Both chief's support this plan. The fire chief's car in FY17 would then be extended out 3-5 years.

#### **WATER PROJECT**

Our project is nearing completion. Final roadwork on Williams is in process and road paving will begin shortly on Maple, Turnpike, and So. Maple.

#### **DOWNTOWN FOCUS COMMITTEE**

As of this date we have the following interested parties wishing to serve on this committee:  
Bob Fichtel, Mark Carlisle, Steve Coswell, Duncan Phyfe, Pat Frederick, Noel McGonigle, Rosemarie Meissner, and Kelly Hansen.

#### **VACATION**

I will be on vacation July 25<sup>th</sup> through Aug 1<sup>st</sup>.